

10 February 1955

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: NIS Supplement I (Ports and Naval Facilities)

1. This morning I discussed with Captain Moore, NIS Committee member for the Navy, certain problems which have arisen over NIS Supplement I. In particular, I pointed out to Captain Moore, the write-up which appears in the back cover of the ONI Review of January 1955. The write-up concerns Ports --Series 44, 45 and 46-- which Navy issues to the operating forces. In describing these port series certain objectionable comparisons were made between them and the NIS Supplement I to the grave disparagement of the NIS.

2. Captain Moore agreed that he had OK'd the release of this statement on the port series without actually having read it, since he had just relieved Captain Norgaard, and was not familiar with the situation. It had been prepared for publication by ONI, Section F4D, which is headed up by Colonel Hayden.

3. Over and above the objectionable comparisons made in this write-up, I told Captain Moore that I felt that in some way we should attempt to remove the unnecessary duplication of the Port Series 44 and the Supplement I and further, in my opinion, one of the two alternatives was necessary; either to consider superseding Supplement I with the port series, or to publish the Supplement I by individual sections to accelerate the time before their production by Navy and the actual time of dissemination by CIA. It would appear that the second alternative was the more desirable and could very possibly eliminate the need for issuing the individual port studies under Series 44. I observed that Series 45, the "one-sheet job", might well be necessary to satisfy special operational requirements of Navy, and that Series 46 does not concern the problem raised in this discussion.

4. Captain Moore agreed that he needed to study the problem completely and that he would meet with me as soon as he had the matter in hand. Furthermore, he would take steps to amend the statement in the back cover of the ONI Review in the next issue of it. As to the alternative of doing away with Supplement I, he felt that it should be taken only after more careful examination and providing that no other means of avoiding duplication could be worked out. He strongly favored looking into ways and means of publishing Section 2, "Principal Ports", on an accelerated basis.

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